



**DALLAS ARBORETUM**  
AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

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**Celebrate Independence with Red, White and Blues Music at the Dallas Arboretum**

*Active and Retired Members of the Military Receive  
Free Admission Friday, June 30 through Tuesday, July 4*

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden will kick-off five days of Independence Day events and activities with Family Fun Friday, live blues music, and \$2 hot dogs and root beer floats. Friday through Tuesday, active and retired members of the military with a valid photo I.D. will receive free admission.

On June 30, kid-friendly activities include face painting and a petting zoo in the shady Pecan Grove from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.--topped off with a cool spray of water in the Toad Fountains. Various blues bands will perform live music throughout the garden Saturday through Tuesday to provide a cool, relaxing backdrop. Families can take advantage of the historic Restaurant DeGolyer offering brunch and lunch all weekend, or bring a picnic to enjoy dining in several picturesque locations throughout the 66-acre garden.

ZimSculpt, a modern Zimbabwean stone sculpture exhibit placed throughout the garden, is in its final weeks. More than 100,000 guests have visited ZimSculpt, featuring live sculpting demonstrations daily by artists-in-residence, Aron Kapembeza and Passmore Mupindiko.

**Fourth of July Activities Include:**

Family Fun Fridays: Main Garden, Now through July 28, 10am-2pm

Plan the family's summertime adventures on Fridays in June and July in the Pecan Grove. Join other families for kid-friendly activities that include face painting and a petting zoo for the

little ones in the shady Pecan Grove-topped off with a cool spray of water in the Toad Fountains!

Red, White & the Blues--July Fourth Weekend: July 1-4, 11am-2pm (daily)

July 1: Linny Nance and Network

July 2: Buddy Whittington Band

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July 4: Rob Holbert Group

Summer Wine Sampling Weekends

Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. & Sundays, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m., Café on the Green

\$10 tickets available at Café on the Green (guests must still pay general admission).

Guests may sample 3 wines, tasting 2oz. pours of either red or white varietals.

Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden: July 1-4 (daily)

Craft Corner: The Stars and Stripes

9-11am, Entry Plaza

Stop by the Craft Corner table and create a fun, patriotic craft using colors of the American flag.

Storytime with Eddie the Eagle

10am, First Adventure

Enjoy storytime with Eddie the Eagle, a patriotic story with the U.S. National Bird, the bald eagle.

Plant Lab: Sublimation of Independence

11am, 1pm & 3pm, Exploration Center

The Plant Lab is bubbling over with excitement for this phase change of matter! Cool off in the Exploration Center, and explore the frigid substance of dry ice.

OmniGlobe Presentation: From Sea to Shining Sea

11:30am & 2:30pm, Exploration Center

The ocean is not just a large body of water; it is a dynamic system of currents. Explore how ocean currents affect temperature and weather.

Fruit Tastings: Red, White and Fruit

12pm & 2pm, Incredible Edible

Come to the Incredible Edible Garden and explore the phytonutrients in the colors of the American Flag.

Rockets Red Glare! - POP: Power of Pressure

4pm, The Glade

What makes things go POP!? Explore the science behind air pressure and have an explosive time.

For a complete list of Children's Adventure Garden activities and times, visit the [activities page](#).

**About the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden:**

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden is located on the southeastern shore of White Rock Lake at 8525 Garland Road, Dallas, Texas 75218. The Dallas Arboretum is also the home of the internationally acclaimed Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden. The Arboretum is open daily from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. *The Dallas Morning News* is the principal partner of the Dallas Arboretum. The Arboretum is supported, in part, by funds from the Dallas Park and Recreation Department. WFAA is an official media sponsor for the Dallas Arboretum. More information is available at [www.dallasarboretum.org](http://www.dallasarboretum.org) or by calling 214.515.6500.

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